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More Women Eligible for Free Mammograms and Pap Tests

(Salt Lake City, UT) - The Utah Department of Health announced Monday that more women aged 50 to 64 in Utah may now be eligible to receive free mammograms and Pap tests through the Utah Cancer Control Program.

The program has expanded the income limits to offer these life-saving screenings to women whose earnings are higher than the old income limits and who may not be able to afford their insurance deductible.

According to Catherine Hoelscher, Utah Cancer Control Program coordinator, "It was disheartening when some women had to be turned away because their income was just over the old income limit. They made too much money to meet the guidelines, yet they didn't make enough to pay for a mammogram, which costs about \$100 on average."

With the new guidelines, more women will qualify for free mammograms and Pap tests. Based on the number of people in a household, the new income limits are listed below.

Family Size	250% Federal Poverty Level
1	\$21,475
2	\$29,025
3	\$36,575
4	\$44,125
5	\$51,675
6	\$59,225
7	\$66,775
8	\$74,325
9	\$81,875

The new guidelines are based on official poverty levels published in the Federal Registry, Vol. 66, No. 33 and are effective through September 30, 2002.

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